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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEW ON ELIGIBILITY FOR EC GENERALIZED PREFERENCES

REF: BUCHAREST A-034 (NOTAL)

1. BUCHAREST AIRGRAM UNDER REFERENCE REPORTED CHANGE IN FRENCH POSITION ON GRANTING EC GENERALIZED PREFERENCES TO ROMANIA AND ADDED THAT ONLY DUTCH NOW APPEAR TO STAND IN WAY OF UNANIMOUS EC AGREEMENT TO ACCORD SUCH PREFERENCES.

2. ACCORDING TO MINECON DIRECTOR FOR INTEGRATION DE GROOTH, GON IS INDEED NOW ISOLATED ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL PROBABLY ACQUIESCE IN GRANTING EC GSP TO ROMANIA WHEN QUESTION NEXT ARISES IN EC COUNCIL. DUTCH PLACE SOME WEIGHT ON WILLINGNESS OF ROMANIANS TO PURSUE THEIR APPLICATION IN BRUSSELS, WHICH CARRIES IMPLICATION OF RECOGNITION OF EC. DUTCH BELIEVE THAT NOT ONLY TEXTILES, IRON
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AND STEEL, AND CHEMICALS MAY ULTIMATELY BE ON EXCEPTIONS LIST, BUT PERHAPS ALSO OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS POTTERY AND SHOES.

3. AS REPORTED IN REFAIR, DECISION ON ROMANIA WILL PROBABLY AWAIT FINAL ACTION ON MEDITERRANEAN POLICY IN GENERAL AND ISRAEL AND SPAIN IN PARTICULAR. IT COULD WELL BE THAT SPECIAL PREFERENCES ACCORDED TO MASSESS OVERALL SITUATION AND PROVIDE FIRSTHAND REPORT TO MFA. FROM HIS COMMENTS WE WOULD ANTICIPATE GOG MAY WELL CONTINUE TO VIEW MPT AS UNREWARDING PROPAGANDA EXERCISE.

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